



C H E N I N B L A N C

Style of Wine

Full-bodied Chenin Blanc.

Heritage

Simonsig Chenin Blanc was the first wine released by founder Frans Malan in 1968. This versatile variety appeals with fresh fruit flavours and is reaching new levels of popularity worldwide.

Vintage Description

It was a challenging, early and very dry harvest. Water supplies had a great impact on the 2016 harvest, especially where vineyards were not buffered against the heat. However, the dry conditions led to the vineyards and grapes being very healthy overall. Most other regions, especially the Swartland, produced significant smaller crops, but at Simonsig Estate we produced 2% more than 2015. The Chenin Blanc grapes were in pristine condition. It was quite a challenge picking the various blocks on time before the sugar levels sky rocketed. We were able to produce beautiful building blocks with an abundance of fruit and depth.

Wine Description

The wine displays a bright straw colour that screams tropical fruit in a glass. The fresh acidity adds to the longevity of an array of white pear and melon with an undertone of guava. An unpretentious wine that over delivers on the nose and palate, stating itself as an any occasion companion.

Vinification

Grapes were handpicked, crushed and some lots given overnight skin contact. Juice was cold settled to brilliant clarity and inoculated with selected yeast strains known for producing very fruity wines. Fermentation temperature was kept between 12-14°C to ensure a nice slow fermentation and optimal fruit flavour production.

Cellaring Potential

Early drinking style, at its best within two years from vintage date.

Serving Suggestions

Beetroot and Citrus salad with goat's cheese. Steamed mussels with a garlic cream sauce. Whole chicken on the fire with root vegetables or just on its own for pure enjoyment.



A W A R D S

Chenin Blanc 2016:	2017 Platter's Guide: 3½ stars 2016 Mundus Vini Awards: Silver
Chenin Blanc 2015:	2016 Concours Mondial de Bruxelles: Silver Medal 2016 Platter's Guide: 3½ stars 2015 Veritas: Gold Medal 2015 IWSC: Gold 2015 Mundus Vini Competition: Gold Medal
Chenin Blanc 2014:	2015 Decanter Wine Awards: Silver Medal 2015 Platter's Guide: 3½ Stars 2014 Mundus Vini Competition: Gold, Best SA White Wine 2014 Veritas: Double Gold Medal
Chenin Blanc 2013:	2013 Veritas: Silver Medal
Chenin Blanc 2012:	Concours Mondial de Bruxelles: 82.36 Points 2012 Veritas: Gold Medal
Chenin Blanc 2011:	Best Value Awards 2013: 3 stars Wine Enthusiast (USA) – Jan/Feb 2012: 88 Rating "Best Buy" 2012 Best Value Guide: 3½ stars

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Vintage

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Region

Stellenbosch

Grapes

Chenin Blanc 100%

Analysis

Alcohol: 13.7% vol
Residual Sugar: 4.2 g/l
Total Acidity: 6.2 g/l
pH: 3.3

